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The Woodman Charters relate, for the most part, to the manors of Trewick and Kirkharle. The Kirkharle deeds are chiefly interesting as containing a reference to a hitherto unknown chapel in Hawick dedicated to St. Catherine (Woodman Charters, no. 1), and as giving particulars of the purchase of Kirkharle by the Strothers from Sir Ralph Hastings, who had married the Harle heiress. The following note supplements the information contained in the deeds relating to the Trewick family:

About the year 1240 Trewick was held by Robert de Trewick (*Testa de Nevill*, p. 386). Robert had a brother Adam (Woodman Charters, no. 13), who, by his wife, Alice de Bebside, was father of John de Belsay.† This descent is set out in a deed belonging to the marquis of Waterford, which runs as follows:

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Johannes de Belsou, filius Ade de Trewike, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et quietum clamasse domino Guychardo de Charron sexdecim acras terre cum tofto et crofto et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis in villa et campis de Horton quas Alicia de Bebeset, mater mea, quondam uxor predicti Ade de Trewike, in libera viduitate et legitima potestate michi dedit et per suam cartam confirmavit, tenendum et habendum predicto domino Guychardo et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis de dominis feodi de quibus predictus Guychard' tenet predictum manerium de Horton cum pertinenciis, libere quiete et integre, cum omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis ad predictam terram toftum et croftum pertinentibus, etc. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Adam de Selebi, Willelmo de Framelington in Crambelington, militibus, Waltero de Hereford, Ricardo domino de Hereford, Ricardo fratre Walteri de Hereford, Roberto de Burtdon, et aliis. [Waterford Charters, No. 54.]

* These charters are in the library of the Society at the Castle, Newcastle.

† For the descendants of John de Belsay see *Genealogist*, N.S., vol. xi, p. 15.

(1) Margery de Trewick, from whom the pedigree can be traced with certainty, was, with Richard de Stikelawe, heir to Adam de Jesmond (*Three Northumberland Assize Rolls*,* p. 247), from whom she inherited a moiety of the manors of Cramlington and Jesmond, lands in Hartley, and the service of the manor of Heaton. That she was a Trewick by marriage only seems certain, and her parentage and relationship to Adam de Jesmond is unknown. She died in 1298 (inquisition taken 6th May), leaving a son and heir, William de Trewick, who was then fifty years of age (*Inq. p.m.*, 26 Edw. I, no. 20).

(2) William de Trewick, son and heir of Margery, died in 1300 (inquisition taken 17th July), leaving a widow, Sibilla (*Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser. vol. I, p. 58), and two sons, namely, John de Trewick his heir, and William de Trewick (Hodgson, *Northumberland*, part II, vol. I, p. 387.)

(3) John de Trewick, son and heir of William, was thirty-two years of age on 24th June, 1300 (*Inq. p.m.*, 28 Edw. I, no. 16). He sold his moiety of the manor of Jesmond in 1312 to Richard de Emeldon, but retained Cramlington and the lands in Hartley (*Inq. ad quod damnum*, file 94, no. 11). The date of his death is not known. He had a wife named Aufrica (Woodman Charters, no. 6), but appears to have left no issue, and to have been succeeded by a kinsman, Henry de Trewick, son of Henry Proctor of South Middleton.

(4) Henry de Trewick, heir of John de Trewick, died in 1328 (inquisition taken 5th August), seised of lands in Trewick, Belsay and Bolam, as well as in Cramlington and Hartley. By his wife, Margaret,[1] he had issue a son and heir, John de

* 88 Surt. Soc. publ.

[1] In 1348 there was an assize to try whether John, son of Henry de Trewick of Middleton, William de Kibblesworth, Thomas de Whitlawe, and Margaret, widow of Henry de Trewick, had unjustly disseised William de Denum of eleven messuages, two carucates and four bovates of land in Cramlington, Hartley, and Bolam (Assize Roll, No. 1,444, mem. 9).

Trewick, who was ten years of age on 24th June, 1328 (*Inq. p.m.*, 2 Edw. III, first numbers, no. 50).

(5) John de Trewick II, son and heir of Henry, married Isabel, daughter and coheir of Alexander de Kibblesworth[2] (Surtees, *Durham*, vol. II, p. 216). In 1360 he compounded for his father's lands in South Middleton, Trewick, Cramlington, Whitlaw and Hartley (*Arch. Ael.*, 1st ser. vol. III, pp. 72-73), and died 30th October, 1361, leaving a son and heir, Thomas de Trewick (*Inq. p.m.*, 36 Edw. III, part 2, first numbers, no. 53).

(6) Thomas de Trewick, son and heir of John, was born at his mother's home of Kibblesworth, in the county of Durham, on 24th November, 1348, and was baptized at Lamesley. In 1370 he proved himself to be of full age (*Arch. Ael.*, 1st ser. vol. IV, p. 326). In that year he succeeded to lands in Kibblesworth upon the death of his uncle, John de Kibblesworth (*45th Deputy Keeper's Report*, app. I, p. 225), and died 31st October, 1399, leaving a widow, Agnes, and two daughters and coheirs, Eleanor and Joan, who were then respectively twenty-four and twenty-two years of age (*Inq. p.m.*, 1 Henry IV, no. 12). His widow married secondly William de Holgrave. By deed dated 1st February, 1412/3, she had the manor of Trewick settled upon herself for life, with remainder to her eldest daughter, Eleanor. She died 5th March, 1412/3 (*Inq. p.m.*, 1 Henry V, no. 32).

(7) Eleanor de Trewick, daughter of Thomas, and, with her younger sister Joan (who married John de Wotton), coheir of the same, married John Hoggisson, and died 7th April, 1423, leaving a son and heir, John, who assumed the name of Trewick,

[2] The Kibblesworth family had already an interest in Cramlington. On 9th July, 1332, William de Kibblesworth and Cecily his wife had pardon for acquiring from William de Burdon, vicar of Newcastle, without the king's licence, a fourth part of the manor of Cramlington, to them and the heirs of the said William de Kibblesworth (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1330-1334, p. 312). William de Burdon had obtained the premises by grant from John de Trewick I. (*ibid.* 1321-1324, p. 287).

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then twenty-nine years of age (*Inq. p.m.*, 1 Henry VI, no. 28). John de Trewick III was living 20th June, 1448 (*44th Deputy Keeper's Report*, p. 478): the date of his death is not known.

Further particulars regarding the family of Trewick are given in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 3rd ser. I, 57 note. A grant of the manor of Trewick made by Thomas de Trewick on 22nd January, 1364/5, is printed in the *Proceedings*, 3rd ser. vol. I, p. 163.

1.—N.D. Grant in free alms, by Walter, son and heir of Robert de Hawyke, to sir Walter de Burtona, perpetual vicar of Kyrkeherl, and his successors in the church of S. Wilfrid, of a piece of ground with buildings, enclosed by stones, westward of S. Katharine's chapel in the vill of Hawyke; with free ingress and egress for corn, turves and peat, but without any right of common in the field or peat-bed of Hawyke. Witnesses: William de Swethopp', Hugh de Hawyke, William Batayl, William son of William de Kyrkeherl, Robert de Herle, Walter Blacke of Hawyke. [Seal missing.]

2.—N.D. Grant by Walter son of William de Bellov,* to Robert de Trewic, for his homage and service, of one hundred and sixty acres of cultivated land in his field of Bellov lying westward from Chateuille between Blithe and the stream of Bellov, with all the uncultivated land between these boundaries; for a yearly rent at Martinmas if it be demanded, of one pound of pepper, and for ingress and egress half a pound of cummin or a silver penny; and relief of six pence. Witnesses: Thomas de Hertwaiton, Robert de Wittelle, Richard de Heddun, Thomas de Oggel, John de Herle, Henry Cook, Robert son of Waltheof,[3] Everard de Bradeford. [Seal in green wax.]

3.—[1299.] Grant by William de Trewyk, lord of the same, to Henry called Proctor of Suthmidelton and Henry his son, for twenty marks of silver paid down, of the manor of Trewyk, and all the demesne land and meadow in the fields of Belshow and Trewyk, except two acres of land and meadow between the dykes of 'le Coteyard,' three acres in the meadow called Cumbrig, his garden, orchard, husbandlands, cottages, mill and tenements of which the said William has enfeoffed John, his son; together with commodities and increase belonging to the lord. To hold from Martinmas, 1299, for term of seventeen years, at a yearly rent of one halfpenny at Whitsuntide for the first five years, and five marks of silver at Whitsuntide and Martinmas for the last twelve years; and paying further, in the name of William, to the lord of Harnham, every year of the said term, except the first year for which

* ? Belson.

[3] Walden'.

William will acquit them, half a mark at the usual terms. If the lessees build or repair houses within the manor, their expenses shall be allowed in the rent. William shall not agist any cattle except his own of Trewyk, in the pasture of Trewyk, nor use as pasture any land anciently arable land or meadow, and shall grind his corn of the said land, at the mill of Trewyk, quit of multure. If, at the end of the term of seventeen years, the lessees wish to hold the said manor in fee and inheritance, they shall pay ten pounds of silver yearly at the said terms. Witnesses: Thomas de Bekering, Gilbert de Schafthow, John Gray of Walington, John son of Hugh de Camhow, William de Crokeston. [Seals missing.]

4.—1300, April 1. Confirmation by John, son and heir of William, lord of Trewyck, to Henry called Proctor of Suthmidelton and Henry his son, of the manor of Trewyck and land in Trewyck and in the field of Belsow which they have for term of seventeen years by lease of William his father. Suthmiddelton, Thursday next after the feast of the Annunciation, 28 Edward I. [Seal missing.]

5.—1412/13, January 3. Letters of attorney by William Holgrafe and Agnes his wife, appointing Nicholas Turpyn and Thomas Holgrafe to deliver seisin of the manor of Trewyk, lands in Trewyk and Belsowe and the mill of Trewyk, to John de Tyndall, John de Dalton and John de Eglyngham, chaplains, according to the charter of the said William and Agnes. Trewyk, 3 January, 14 Henry IV. [Two seals in red wax, not quite perfect.]

6.—1306/7, February 5. Release by John, lord of Trewyck, and Aufrica his wife, to Henry, son of Henry of Swthmiddelton (*sic*), for a large ('immensa') sum paid down, of the yearly rent of ten pounds of silver in which he would be bound to them for the manor and demesne tenement of Trewyck, except only gardens of cottages,[1] if he should propose to hold the same beyond his present term of seventeen years. Trewyck, Saturday next after the feast of the Purification, 1306. Witnesses: John de Duddun, Peter de Eland, Robert de Milneburne, Robert de Wotton. [Seals missing.]

7.—1306, November 12. Agreement made between William, son of William de Trewyck, and Henry, son of Henry of Middelton Swth. William lets to farm to Henry, for 60*s.* paid down, eight acres of arable land in the field of Trewyck which John, son of Henry, previously farmed of him. To hold from Martinmas, 1306, for term of fourteen years, with the liberties and easements expressed in the charter of enfeoffment of the said William for a yearly rent of one rose at S. Peter's Chains [Aug. 1]. Trewyck, the morrow of S. Martin in winter, 1306. Witnesses: John de Duddun, Peter de Eland, Robert de Wotton. [Seals missing.]

[1] 'exceptis cardinis cotagiorum tantum.'

8.—1306, December 27. Agreement made between William, son of William de Trewyck, and Henry, son of Henry of Middelton Swth. William lets to farm to Henry, for fourteen marks paid down, two tofts with buildings and one husbandland in Trewyck with a croft, which William de Bolum and de Crultyng,[5] formerly held. To hold from Martinmas, 1306, for term of fourteen years, with the liberties expressed in the charter of enfeoffment of the said William; for a yearly rent of one rose at the feast of S. John the Baptist. John de Trewyck brother of William, is his surety for keeping this agreement. Witnesses: Peter de Eland, John Hawley, William Cosyn of Bolum. Trewyck, the morrow of S. Denis, pope, 1306. [Three seals missing.]

9.—1307/8, February 21. Confirmation by John de Trewyck to Henry, son of Henry of Swthmiddelton, of the lands in Trewyck which the said Henry has from William, brother of the said John, from Martinmas, 1307, for term of seventeen years. John will warrant the lands to Henry for the said term, if William die before the completion of the term. The eve of S. Peter before Lent, 1307. Witnesses: John de Duddun, Robert de Mylneburne. [Seal.]

10.—1412/13, February 1. Grant by John de Tyndale, John de Dalton and John Eglyngham, chaplains, to Agnes de Holgrafe, wife of William de Holgrafe, of the manor and town of Trewyk with lands in Trewyk and Belsowe, and the mill of Trewyk. To hold for life of the chief lords of the fee, with reversion to Eleanor, wife of John Hogeson of Trewyk in tail, with successive remainders to Joan, wife of John de Wotton in tail and to the right heirs of Thomas de Trewyk. Witnesses: John de Middelton, knight, William de Mitford, John Corbette, John del Strother, Nicholas Turpyn, William de Holgrafe, John Bellasysse. Trewyk, 1 February, 1412. [Three seals, two imperfect.]

11.—1381, May 25. Grant by Agnes, formerly wife of John de Trewyk, to Thomas de Trewyk, of her dower lands; to hold for term of her life at a yearly rent of six marks, eight shillings, at Whitsuntide and Martinmas. If it happen that Thomas shall not be able to enjoy the said lands by reason of frequent inroads and burnings of the Scotch or French, allowance shall be made in his rent for lands thus wasted.[6] Witnesses: The vicar of Eland, Alexander Creswel, John de Midilton, William de Hidwyn. Morpathe, Saturday next after the Ascension, 4 Richard II. [Seal.]

12.—1412/13, February 1. Grant by John de Tyndale, John de Dalton and John de Eglyngham, chaplains, to Agnes de Holgrafe, wife of William de Holgrafe. Counterpart of no. 10. [Two seals.]

[5] No christian name—verb in plural.

[6] *Fulcacio*—a mistake for *allocacio*?

13.—N.D. Grant by William de Caprauilla to Roger, son of Robert de Berewic and Beatrice, daughter of the said William, for their homage and service, of a moiety of the land which Vetred, son of John, held in the fields of Kyrkeherl with the house and croft which sir Oliver the monk[7] took in exchange of sir Roger de Ridale,[8] and all the land of the said William which remained of the land which David held in the same vill, except eight acres of land which William gave in free alms to the house of Blanchland. To hold in tail, for a yearly rent of 12*d.* at Martinmas and Whitsuntide. The grantees shall grind their corn at the mill of Herle to the twentieth measure. If Beatrice die childless before Roger, he shall hold the land for life. Witnesses: sir Henry de laual,[8] sir Roger de Ridal,[8] sir William[8] his brother, Robert de Trewic, Adam his brother, Everard de Bradeford, James de Bolum, Walter Barun.

14.—N.D. Grant by Robert de Redewoode, son and heir of William de Redewoode, to Richard de Becheburn, clerk, of half an acre of arable land in the field of Kirkherle, of which one rood is 'super le Kibelle de Fluris' by the land of William de Merintun on the north, and one rood is at Denum diches by the land of the said William; for a yearly rent of one grain of pepper at Martinmas. Witnesses: William, son of William the elder,[9] William de Merintun, William, son of William the younger,[9] Thomas called Barun, Adam le Clereke. [Seal missing.]

15.—1352, July 7. Grant by Alan de Strother to Henry de Strother and Bartholomew Harre, chaplain, of his lands in Kyrkeherll, Swethop, Hawek, Crokton, Denum, Great Babington, Walington est and Walington west, to hold of the chief lords of the fees. Witnesses: Thomas de Ildyrton, Robert Clauerryng, knights, Robert de Horsle, Sampson Harding, Walter Hawek, William Schaftow, John de Walington. Kyrkeherll, 7 July, 26 Edward III. [Seal missing.][10]

16.—1374, April 17. Grant by Ralf de Hastynges, knight, to John Bygod, knight, Robert Boulot, William Spenser, John de Pykeryng, William Gower, rector of the church of Halughton, and John Mason, chaplain, of the manor of Kirkeherle. Clause of warranty against Ralf and Isabel his wife and his heirs only. Witnesses: sir Richard de Rouclyf, knight, sir Robert de Rouclyf, knight, sir William Percehay, knight, Thomas de Etton, Thomas de Swynton. Slengesby, Monday next before the feast of S. George, martyr, 18 Edward III. [Seal in red wax.]

[7] 'dominus Oliuerus monachus.' [8] 'domino. [9] Ablative.

[10] An identical deed with the Strother seal, *on a bend engrailed three martlets*, was preserved at Wallington in 1639, and was copied by Roger Dodsworth into vol. 45 of his collections at fol. 40 b.

17.—1374, May 27. Letters of attorney by John Bygod, knight, Robert Bowlot, William Spenser, John de Pykeryng, William Gower, rector of the church of Halugton and John Mason, chaplain, appointing Geoffrey de Hale to deliver seisin of the manor of Kyrkeherle to Alan del Strother, according to their charter. York, Saturday in the week of Whitsuntide, 48 Edward III. [Four seals in red wax, one not quite perfect.]

18.—1375, December 28. Release by Thomas de Becheburn' to Alan de Strothre of three husband lands and three cottages in Kirkherle, containing six score and one acres of land, formerly of David de Becheburn', his father. Witnesses: John de Fenwyk, Robert de Oggle, William de Swynburn, John de Musgraue, William de Schafthowe, John de Farnylawe, John de Merley. Kirkeherle, Friday, the feast of the Innocents, 1375. [Seal missing.]

19.—1374, April 25. Letters of attorney by John Bygod, knight, Robert Bowlot, William Spenser, John de Pykering, William Gower, rector of the church of Halugton; and John Mason, chaplain, appointing Geoffrey de Hale to receive seisin of the manor of Kyrkeherle, according to the charter made to them by Ralf Hastynges, knight. Setrington, Tuesday, the feast of S. Mark, evangelist, 48 Edward III. [Three seals not quite perfect, fragments of three others in red wax.]

20.—1376, July 6. Receipt by Ralf de Hastynges, knight, to Alan del Strothre, for the second of three payments of 100*l.* each, for the manor of Kyrcherele, payable at Rynall on the feasts of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1375, and the two years following, as appears in indentures made to Alan of the said manor. Allerstan, Sunday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 1376. [Seal in red wax.]

21.—1377, July 5. Release by John Bygot, knight, Robert Bowlot, William Spenser, William Gower, rector of the church of Halughton and John Mason, chaplain, to Alan Strother to the manor of Kyrkeherle. Clause of warranty against Ralf de Hastynges and Isabel his wife, and his heirs, only. Witnesses: John de Santon, mayor of York, John de Acastre, John de Berden, Thomas de Nessefeld, John de Senenhous. York, Sunday after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 1377. [Five seals in red wax, two imperfect.]

22.—1377, July 5. Release by Ralf de Hastynges, knight, to Alan de Strother of the manor of Kyrkeherle. Witnesses: Thomas de Nessefeld, Robert Bowlot, William Spenser, Thomas de Etton, John de Senenhous. York, Sunday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 1377. [Seal in red wax, not quite perfect.]

23.—1484/5, January 28. Grant by William Fenwyk, Roger Fenwyk, and Robert Watson, vicar of the church of Whelpyngton, to Edward Lorein of

Kyrkharll' and Elesab' his wife, and his heirs, of eight husbandlands in Kyrkharll' which they had by grant of the said Edward; to hold of the chief lords of the fee. John Tollar of Captheton appointed attorney to deliver seisin. 28 January, 2 Richard III. [Seal missing.]

24.—1429, June 16. Grant by William del Strother of Walyngton, co. Northld., esquire, to John Bedford of Kyngeston-upon-Hull and Agnes his wife, of four husbandlands in Kyrkherle with the demesne lands adjoining, in the several tenures of William Rawe the elder, John Rawe, Robert Strother, and Thomas Rotherforth. To hold for term of life of Agnes; upon condition that if William pay to John and Agnes 40*s.* yearly during her life, at Martinmas and Whitsuntide, as her dower after the death of John del Strother her late husband, of a third part of a third part of the manor of Swetchop, Croodown, parcel of the same manor, and of a third part of a third part of four and a half husbandlands in Denom, the said grant shall be void. Witnesses: Thomas Wylton, William Bedford, Robert Whelpyngton, Emery Heryng. Kyrkherle, 16 June, 7 Henry VI. [Seal in red wax.]

25.—1360/1, February 2. Grant by John de Kirkherl, clerk, to Thomas his son, of his lands in Kirkherll; to hold in tail, at a yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* at Whitsuntide and Martinmas. Witnesses: John de Walington, John de Trewyk, John de Farnilaw. Kirkherl, the feast of the Purification, 1360. [Seals missing.]

26.—1320, May 28. Grant by William de Benley, son and heir of William de Benley, to sir John de Lilleburne, knight, of a piece of waste ground, in the moor of Benley called le Southemore between le Blaklawe, Petpethburne and Siglisstrothir, containing four hundred feet in length and four hundred feet in breadth, to be built upon and enclosed at the pleasure of John, together with common of pasture for all manners of beasts and cattle of John and his tenants of Schauden only, in the moors of Benley, viz.: in le Southmore and in Lestmore and in certain fields of Benley (boundaries given), without the right of taking agistments. The said John and his tenants of Schauden shall take in the said moors, peat, turves, heath, and millstones for their mills of Schauden. To hold of the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses: sir Roger Herone, sir Gilbert de Boroudoun, sir Robert de Eslington, sir Roger de Horseley, sir John de Boroudoun, knights, John de Rodome, Henry de Ildreton, John de Bramton, John Rymour. Benley, Wednesday next after the feast of S. Augustine, 1320. [Seal missing.]

27.—1320, May 28. Grant by William de Benley, son and heir of William de Benley, to sir John de Lilleburne, knight. Translation of no. 26: 'Copia vera translata ex originale et examinata per nos, Henr. Anthony (mark) No.

Publ., et per me Thomam Henryson, servientem dicti notarii. Irrotulatur in officio auditoris prenobilis comitis Northumbrie coram Willelmo Stockdale, auditore, 1608.'

28.—1613, November 25. Indenture between William Hewytt of Much Haddam, co. Hertford, knight, and John Hewytt, citizen and clothworker of London, draper, of the one part, and Thomas Fenwicke of Coateyardes, co. Northld., gentleman, of the other part. William and John sell to Thomas, for a sum of money paid down to William, two tenements in Estritton, co. Northld., formerly in the occupation respectively of John Milborne and Thomas Gallon, and each of the yearly rent of 10*s*., formerly parcel of the possessions of the monastery of Newmynster; sold (among other things) to the said William and John and the heirs of William by indentures enrolled in the court of chancery 18 December, 7 James I [1609], by George Salter of the parish of S. Dunstan in the west, London, gentleman, and John Williams of the parish of S. Peter le Poore, London, draper, to whom the king granted the same by letters patent dated 26 November, 7 James I [1609]. To hold of the king, as of his manor of Eastgreenewich, co. Kent, by fealty only. 25 November, 11 James I, 1613. [Signed] W. Hewytt, John Hewett. Witnesses: Richard Hochinson, John Mottershed. Acknowledged by the said William Hewett, knight, before John Amye, master in Chancery, 4 December, 1613. [Seals missing].

29.—1540, October 20. Indenture between John Lylburne, master of Branshawghe, co. Northld., and Edmund Strothere of the town of Alnwyke, caryshmane. John lets to farm to Edmund, a tenement with a garden in Clayporte street in Alnwyke, on the north side of the said street, between a tenement belonging to 'le lorde Awders' on the west and a tenement of the chantry of S. Mary the Virgin of Alnwyke on the east, abutting upon gardens of Fenkylstreete on the north and upon Clayporte street on the south; for a yearly rent of 2*s*. at Whitsuntide and Martinmas. Witnesses: Parsivell Gallone, bailiff, John Dawsone, Oswald Stanners, James Scott, and John Neylsone. Alnwike, 20 October, 32 Henry VIII. 'Per me Joannem Lylburne.' [Seals missing.]

30.—1628, July 17. Indenture between William Hearott, late of Alnwicke, yeoman, and Robert Strother of Alnwicke, tanner. William sells to Robert for 9*l*. paid down, a house or burgage in Alnwicke in the street called Bondgate, between a house of John Homleton on the east and and a house late of Francis Alder of Hobber Lawe on the west, abutting upon a place called the Greein Batt on the south and upon the king's high street on the north. 17 July, 4 Charles I, 1628. William + Hearott his marke. Witnesses: Will: Greene, Henry Mitcalfe, Thomas + Hunter his marke, William Hunter,

Francis Greene. Witnesses to delivery of seisin, 19 July, 1628: Will: Greene, Henry Mitcalfe, Thomas Hunter + his marke, Francis Green, John Pattison, Edward ± Hearott his marke, William Hunter, John Scotte. [Seal in red wax.]

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Hearott, brother of William Hearott withinnamed.]

31.—1543, November 28. Last will of William Blaykate. He bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of Morpeth. To each of his four children 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, 'and thear partis of insyght besyedes accordynge as thei pleazs and be obedyente to their mother.' The residue of his goods to Alyson his wife whom he appoints sole executrix. Witnesses: William Falcus, John Whyet, William Hayr 'my curaite.' Proved before master Thomas Burton, commissioner for Northumberland, 17 January, 1543 [-4].

32.—1562, June 10. Grant by Alexander Heron of Meldon, co. Northld., esquire, to John Whyte of Morpeth, weaver, of one piece of waste ground with one rood of land lying at Bouellesgrene between land of Michael Williamson on the east and land of George Coottes on the west, and extending from the highway to the water of Wanspeke; for a yearly rent of 5*s.*, at Whitsuntide and Martinmas. 10 June, 4 Elizabeth, 1562. [Seals missing.]

33.—1632, November 19. Indenture between Ralphe Hedley of Heley in the parish of Netherwitton, yeoman, and Anthone Hedley of Toplaw, in the said parish, yeoman, of the one part, and William Hedley of Lamsheth within the liberties of Reedsdaile, yeoman, of the other part. Ralphe and Anthony sell to William for 12*l.* paid down, a half tenement or farmhold in Lansheth, viz., one house with a little close and five 'dayworke' of meadow grounde in Lansheth bog, now in the occupation of the said William; paying the accustomed free rent of 15*d.* yearly, to the chief lord of the manor of Harbottle. 19 November, 1632, 8 Charles I. Ralphe × Hedley his marke, Anthony[10] Hedley his marke. Witnesses: Bartram Hedley, Willyam Selby. [Seal missing.]

34.—1662, October 22. Manor of Redesdale. View of frankpledge with court baron of lord Charles Howard, earl of Carlisle, Richard Newman,

[10] No mark.

esquire, and Thomas Lee, gentleman, held before Ralph Bowes, gentleman, steward. Sworn: John Hall of Otterbourne, esquire, Gabriel Read of Troughen, Jesper Hall of Farnicleugh, Reginald Fenwicke of Soppett, Alexander Hall of Woodhall, Alexander of Whiskersheel, John Read of Dunsheel, Mathew Hall of Ottercop, William Hedley of Lanshett, John Dunn of Dunns, John Hall of Otterburne, Samuel Collingwood of Barrow, John Hall of Sheel Dikes, gentlemen. Elionor Hedley, wife of William Hedley of Lanshett, daughter and heir of William Wanlese late of Graslees, deceased, is admitted tenant of half one messuage of Graslees (besides a mill)[11] of which the said William Wanlese died seised, held freely of the demesnes of this manor at a yearly rent of 7*s.* 6*d.*; fine upon admittance, 10*s.*

35.—1648, April 6. Indenture between John Sanderson of Heley, co. Northld., gentleman, and William Hedley of Lanshett in the parish of Ellsdon in the liberty of Ridsdayle, yeoman. Whereas Theophilus, earl of Suffolk, and Elizabeth, countess of Suffolk, his wife, by indenture, dated 1 May, 6 Charles I, 1630, sold among other things, to the said John Sanderson of Heley, and Roger Widdrington the younger of Colwell, gentlemen, one tenement or farmhold in Lanshett of the yearly rent of 6*s.* 3*d.*, now in the possession of the said William Hedley; the said John, for a sum of money paid down, conveys his interest in the premises to William, who shall pay the said rent to the earl and countess and do such suit of court as the tenants of Harbottle are accustomed to do; reserving to the earl and countess and to her heirs any mines on the premises. 6 April, 24 Charles I, 1648. John Sandersonn. Witnesses: Gabriel Read, John Sanderson, junior; the marke × of William Hedley, junior; James Wanless; the marke of × Robert Hutcheson. Witnesses to delivery of seisin, 7 April, 1648; William Nicholson of East Nuke, his marke ×; William Hedley of Riding, his marke W.H.; Thomas Lumsden of Todhooles, his marke, T L. [Seal missing.]

36.—1679, May 15. Manor of Ridsdale. Court leet and view of frankpledge with court baron, of James Howard, esquire, held at Elsdon within the said manor, before William Ward, gentleman, steward. Homage: Martin Hall of Bogg, Thomas Hall of Tofthouse, Mathew Anderson of Burdhopcragg, William Hall of Blaikhop, John Hall of Collyartle,[12] John Read of Elsdon, Roger Hall of the same, Thomas Dunn of Dunns, Edward Hall of Eardhope, Mathew Coxon of Chesterhope, Reginald Hedley of Troughen, Thomas Daug of Daugs, Gerrard Hangingshaw of Harehaugh, gentlemen. The homage presents that William Hedley the elder, late of Lanshott, died seised of one tenement in Lanshott of the yearly fee-farm rent of 3*s.* 9*d.*, a moiety of messuages and lands called Grisleys of the yearly fee-farm rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*, a

[11] ('molendino preterito') in brackets. [12] Colyerlee, Collyerlee, Colyerley.

moiety of lands adjoining Grisleys called Fair Syde of the yearly fee-farm rent of 6*d.*, and messuages and lands in the place called Blackburn and Sylburn of the yearly fee-farm rent of 10*d.* William Hedley the younger, his son and heir, is admitted customary tenant.

37.—1630, 22 September. Grant by Thomas Davyson of Newton, co. Northld., yeoman, to Roger Widdrington the younger of Cartington, gentleman, of three messuages in Borowden in the parish of Alwenton, now or late in the occupation of the said Thomas. 22 September, 6 Charles I, 1620. Tho: Dauidsone. Witnesses: William × Davidson his marke, James[12] Trewhitt his marke, Tho. × Turner his marke. [Seal broken.]

38.—1661, May 31. Sale by George Pott of Burradone, yeoman, to Roger Widdrington of Bidstone, gentleman, for 140*l.*, paid down, of a messnage, farmhold or two half lands in Burradon in the parish of Allenton, now in the occupation of the said George. Georg × Pott his marke. Witnesses· Charles Selby, Richarde × Davison his mark, Luke × Brown his marke.

39.—1670, November 15. Final concord made on the morrow of S. Martin, 22 Charles II, between Roger Widdrington, gentleman, plaintiff, and Edward Hall and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, of one messnage, twenty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture, and sixty acres of furse and heath in Borrodon and Allenton, otherwise Allwinton, otherwise Allington. The deforciants quitclaim the premises to the plaintiff from themselves and the heirs of Elizabeth, for 100*l.*

FIG. 1.

[12] No mark.

APPENDIX.

The following description of the seals attached to the various deeds has been prepared by Mr. C. H. Blair.

2. Seal, dark green wax, circular, one inch diameter; the device is very indistinct, but appears to be a running dog or wolf.

5. Two seals in red wax, both partly destroyed. (1) Circular, seven-eighths of an inch diameter, armorial. *Ermine an escucheon*; . . . . . MI: DE HOLGRAVE. The blason is *ermine an escucheon gules* (Glover's Ord.). This shield appears in stained glass, impaled with Bertram, in a window in the south aisle of Bothal church. (2) Circular, half-an-inch diameter device a fleur-de-lis within a circle.

9. Seal, brown wax, circular, five-eighths of an inch diameter; device a chalice draped with a cloth, ... COSVE ✲. The legend is illegible with the exception of these letters.

10. Three seals in brown wax. (1) Destroyed. (2) Circular, seven-eighths of an inch diameter, armorial, partly destroyed and much defaced; the charges appear to be three stringed bugle-horns; . . . . . L: WILLMI: HO . . . . . (3) Oblong, with corners rounded off; device a geometrical figure of the nature of a merchant's mark.

FIG. 2.

12. Four seals have been attached, both labels and seals Nos. 1 and 4 are destroyed. (2) Seal in brown wax, same as attached to deed 10, seal 2, in a better state of preservation; the charges seem certainly to be three stringed bugle-horns and the legend reads SGLU': WILLM: HOLGRVAE ✠. I cannot give the blason of this shield and know of no authority, except this seal, giving these bearings for Holgrave. (3) Same as attached to deed 10, seal 3.

16. Seal in red wax, circular, one and seven-sixteenths of an inch diameter, armorial. In the centre of elaborate tracery a shield charged with *a maunch*; in chief, in a compartment of the tracery, a crest of a bull's head; to the sinister is a roundel charged with *a cinquefoil*; in base a roundel bearing *fretty and a chief* (this is partly destroyed on this seal but appears clearly on the same seal attached to deed no. 20); to the dexter a roundel charged with *a chevron between three birds*. SIGILLU' RADULF HAITYGIS BI . . . . OLK (?)

FIG. 3.

This beautiful seal is an interesting example of the grouping together of several distinct shields to form a single composition speaking of its owner's manors, honours and dignities. The centre shield is blasoned *silver a maunch sable* (Ed. III. Roll), being the arms of Hastings of Allerston and of Slingsby, Yorkshire, and of Kirby, Leicestershire, differenced from the arms of the main line of Hastings by change of colour; above this is their crest of *a bull's head sable*. The

charge to the sinister is blasoned *gules a cinquefoil ermine*, and refers to the Honour of Leicester, being the device used on his seal by Robert de Bréteuil, earl of Leicester (1191). The reason for the shield in base is not obvious. It may possibly be the shield of Wyville *gules fretty vair and a chief gold* (Glover's Ord.) and be borne for the manor of Slingsby. In 1343, William de Wyville released to sir Ralph Hastings (the elder) all his right in Slingsby, and in 1344 sir Ralph had licence to make a castle of his manor house there. The shield to the dexter is that of sir Robert Sadyngton of Sadyngton, Leicestershire, whose daughter and heiress was sir Ralph Hastings' first wife (Bridge's *Collins's Peerage*, VI, 647). It is blasoned *vert a chevron between three martlets silver*.

17. Four seals in red wax. (1) Oval, partly destroyed, armorial. The shield is suspended from the branch of a tree and is within a traceried panel; it is diapered, and bears *on a cross engrailed five escallops*. Bigod of Settrington *gold on a cross engrailed gules five escallops silver* (see Foster's *Visit. of Yorksh.*, 595; *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser., vol. III, 270). (2) Circular, five-eighths of an inch diameter, armorial, *a chevron between three roundels*, BOWL O T *. I am unable to give the blason of this shield. (3) Oval, device of a cross formed of four fleur-de-lis; DL × NV × . . . . . PR × (4) Device of a woman's head bound by a fillet, probably from an antique gem; AVE · MA[RI]A · GRACIA · PL[ENA · DOMI ·]×

19. Six seals in red wax. (1) Fragment of same seal as no. 2 on deed 17. (2) Partly destroyed, appears to bear the device of an animal standing. (3) Circular, partly destroyed, armorial, within a traceried panel a shield charged with *a lion*. Probably *ermine a lion azure* for Pickering (see *Arch. Ael.*, 3rd ser., III, 272). (4) A fragment only remains. (5) Circular, seven-eighths of an inch diameter, armorial. Within tracery a shield charged with *a bend engrailed between two cotises flory on the outer side*; . . . GILLUM · WILLELMI · . . . . . Glover's Ordinary blasons *sable a bend flory counterflory gold* for Spencer. (6) Same as seal 4 on deed 17.

20. Seal in red wax as on deed 16.

21. Five seals in red wax. (1) Circular, half an inch diameter; device a mermaid. (2) A fragment only remains showing a roughly traceried border and a cross-crosslet in chief. (3) Circular, partly destroyed, seven-eighths of an inch diameter; device of a stag or similar animal standing against a tree, within a traceried border. (4) Same as seal 4 on deed 17. (5) Circular, three-quarters of an inch diameter; device of a standing animal.

22. Seal in red wax as on deed 16.

24. Two seals in red wax. (1) Fragments only remaining on label. (2) Circular, seven-sixteenths of an inch diameter; device of a bird, probably an eagle, with wings displayed. Some lettering appears above the device but it is not legible.

30. Seal in brown wax, armorial. *Barry in base, in chief* a device, apparently a *squirrel or fox rearing up against a tree*. Late and debased armory.

Mr. F. Bradshaw, M.A., D.Sc., has given every assistance in deciphering the legends.

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